# Sierra Sun

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AND

## Truckee Republican

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# WITH OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Two V-Mail Christmas cards from boys out in the far reaches of the Pacific arrived this week to remind us that despite the war, our fellows have the great Christian holiday very much in mind. From HA 1-c George Keech, our erstwhile printer's devil, now sationed with the Marines on hospital duty comes a picture of a "wackey" doughboy, cutting out paper which stretched out spells the old familiar Merry Chistmas and a Happy New Year.

Then from EM 1-c Bob Tonini at some remote Sea-Bee base came a V-Mail card with three lusty GIs singing "A White Christmas," with Greetings from the Marianas. Bob also wrote a brief note "Doing fine Walt, just got a bunch of papers so am up on the news."

Staff Sergeant Carl Brooks of the Army Air Force has been on the move again, this time to Langley Field in Virginia. They sure move around, these boys!

Ray M. Nelson, who like Brooks hails from Brockway, is now stationed at Breezy Point, Virginia in the navy.

Lilio Guidi, formerly of Truckee is in the V-12 program and stationed at Oberlin, Ohio, where he is studying Diesel engineering.

Frank Giovannoni, who is attending a naval electrical school at St Louis, Missouri, was home this week on an emergency leave, occasioned when Mrs. Giovannoni injured her arm. It gave Frank a chance to get acquainted with that new youngster of his and he enjoyed visiting old friends here.

A recent snapshot from India to Mrs. D. Saibini of her son, Sergeant Ray, showed that he has acquired a great deal of brawn in the east and now tips the scales at 180 pounds. Accompanying pictures of the natives did not reveal any very attractive "pin-up" gals. Ray is with the invasion M.P.'s

Mrs. Patricia Keenan of Blue Canyon has received word from the war department, that her husband Lt. William Keenan of the AAF, was seriously wounded in action in France on November 14. She also received a letter from her husband the same day telling her he had been wounded he was shot in the shoulder, hip and one foot.

Edward Freitas, better known here as "Nuke" is now a seaman 2-c and has been stationed at Farragut, Idaho for the past four months. He was at his home in Folsom to see his second daughter, recently born. Mrs Freitas is the former Marjorie Parr.

Staff Sgt. Edward Bryant of the Army Air Force now has a San Francisco APO address. He is a nephew of Mrs. Henry Loehr and is well known here.

After 32 long, hard months in the New Guinea area, Pfc. Charles Pierce arrive home this week. Charlie has a personal presidential citation as well as for the group as the result of action when hard pressed by the japs. He is really enjoying the visit home and has been invited to the various local clubs during his stay He will report to Santa Barbara for reassignment.

Indirect word has been received here of the recent arrival of a child at the home of Sgt. and Mrs. Doc Rockholm at San Francisco. Mrs Rockholm is the former Ruth McLeod of Hobart Mills. Doc is still driving an ambulance for Letterman Hospital.

## MATTIE CONLEY IS DEAD AT FOLSOM

Funeral services were held this afternoon at Folsom for Mrs. Samantha (Mattie) E. Conley, who died there this week. Cremation will be in East Lawn at Sacramento.

Mrs. Conley, 80, was born and spent all of her life at Folsom and last summer was the first in 68 years she did not come to the summer range at Donner Lake, the reason being the inability to obtain a caretaker for their Folsom place.

She was the daughter of the late Lewis Tomilson, who came to California in 1850 from Ohio. He mined in the Placer Rose Diggins and later raised sheep and cattle.

Mrs. Conley is the last survivor of five who attended school at the historic mining town of Prairie City. marked now by only a few graves.

She is survived by her husband. Charles F. Conley and her stepsons John and Walter Conley.

## SUMMIT TEMPLE TO ELECT OFFICERS

Nomination and election of new officers will be the order of business of Summit Temple No. 79, Pythian Sisters when that lodge meets at Odd Fellows hall tongiht at 8 p.m. This was announced by Laura Gainnie, mistress of records. A report will also be made on the Sixth War Loan Drive, sponsored locally by the Sisters.

Lt. (j.g.) Gino Guidi, looking very neat indeed in his blue uniform of an officer in Uncle Sam's navy, arrived in town this week with his mother, Mrs. G. Guidi of Roseville and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. Petroni. Gino is in fine form in spite of four major engagements with the japs at Guam, Saipan, the Philippines and elsewhere. His ship played a big part in the Philippine invasion and later accounted for a few of the jap ships in the nerby naval engagement. A shipmate, Billy Waters GM 2-c, is expected home about the first of the year, Gino reported.

SeaBee Daryl Gaiennie left this week for his base in Southern California after a leave at home following several months active duty in the Pacific.

## DOUG BARRETT IS WED TO BARBARA SMART IN CANADA

Corporal Douglas Barrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Barrett, owners and publishers of the Sierra Sun, claimed as his bride Miss Barbara Smart at a ceremony performed in Christ Church, Angelican, by Rev. Arthur Lord, December 6 at 4 p.m. at Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada.

The bride chose ice-blue for her costume, with navy accessories and a corsage of American beauty roses.

Miss Lena McDonald, the bride's maid wore an ensemble of gold with navy accessories and had a corsage of tea roses. Sergeant C. C. Kloepfer of New York was the best man. A reception followed the religious rites.

The bride is the youngest daughter of A. Smart, Grande Prairie rancher, and she received her education in Canada.

Corporal Barrett, in the Army Air Force, served more than a year in Alaska and was transferred to Canada last January. He attended elementary and high school at Woodland, continuing at Truckee where he is associated with his parents in the newspaper. Later he went to Sacramento College until shortly before his enlistment in the army.

## Chipmunk Chatterings

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**Flower Pot Completed**

Humbert Ciradella, sophomore, completed an old oaken bucket flower pot made from ply-wood, with the side pulleys in shop class last week.

**Sophomore Cabaret Held**

The sophomore class held a cabaret party with a floor show and dance at the high school auditorium Friday night. Dorothy Parkhurst, Bonita Mellon and Joan Pabst took took the parts of the Swoon Sisters; Humbert Ciradella, Humbert's Concerto; Ralph Garcia, Frankie Not-So-Hot; Dick Pimley, Eugene Gini, Gene Payne and Ralph Garcia, the Barber Shop Quartet; Lois Farrar and Ralph Garcia, the Pepper Shakers; and Dick Pimley took the part of Queenie. Mrs. J.R. Wolert played the musical accompaniments. William Martin, a teacher at the elementary school and Mrs. Agnes Mahne were guests of the evening.

**Hold Dance**

**..The teen-age club, known as the Harmony Hang-Out held their weekly meeting dance Saturday night at the Veterans hall between 9 and 12. Mrs. H. I. Snider, Mrs. Zula Rablin and Mrs. Earl Smith were chaperons.**

**Bond Quota Neared**

Students bought $450 in war bonds since the first of the year. We have until December 30 to reach our quota which is $25 for each student or $675 for the school year.

## COLLEGE OFFICIAL SPEAKS AT LIONS

Henry Taylor an official at the Sacramento College spoke before the Lions Club last night, giving an account of the veterans' educational center which has been established at the college and also a report on veterans' administration under the GI Bill of Rights.

N. F. Dolley was the program chairman. H. T. Langille presided.

Guests included Charles Swanson of Tahoe, Maxwell McGwinn of the navy and Charles Pierce, Sr., and the latter's son, Charles, Jr., who has just returned from the Pacific war theater.

Next Wednesday will be featured by the annual Christmas party for the members and the New Years Eve dinner dance will be held Sunday, December 31.

## BOY SCOUTS GO FOR SWIM AT SPRINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brunk and their children, with the Truckee Boy Scouts enjoyed a swim Sunday at the indoor pool at Lawton's Hot Springs. Scouts who enjoyed the day were Harvey Hocker, Laverne Hocker, Martine Oroz, John Brandlin and Bert Weeden, Jr.

## Bond Drive Nears Goal

This week Truckee and vicinity passed the 74 per cent mark in the Sixth War Loan Drive when Chairman R. N. Little reported a total of $41,263.25 collected, including $22,144.75 in E Bonds, $8,500 in allocation and $10,718.50 in other type bonds.

Mrs. Elden Tonini reported that the individual members of the Pythian Sisters Temple committee sold $6,525 in bonds up to December 9 for the week, bringing their total to $15,775 and a credit to the five members taking part in the drive.

## DOLLEY REELECTED CHIEF OF LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

N. F. Dolley was reelected chief of the Truckee Fire Department at the annual meeting held Tuesday at the Truckee Cafe. A. Pace was also reelected to the post of assistant chief.

Other officers elected were Gino Giovannoni and Elden Tonini, captains; LeRoy Wilson and Nat Quilici lieutenants; Charles Pierce, sergeant at arms and V. L. Deaton, secretary-treasure. James Garibaldi and Charles Brunk were chosen as engineers.

## MAURICE DOYLE IS KILLED IN DIXON CROSSING MISHAP

Maurice O. Doyle, 37, Dixon insurance broker and son of the late P. M. Doyle, former prominent Truckee businessman, who was injured early Friday when his car was struck by a Southern Pacific train at a crossing in Dixon, died Saturday in the Woodland Clinic Hospital.

Doyle was a native of Truckee and spent much of his younger life in this city, attending the local schools. The family moved to Dixon several years ago.

Funeral services were held Monday at Dixon.

The survivors are his wife, Mrs. Lorena (Billie) Doyle; a daughter, Katherine; his mother, Mrs. Catherine Doyle; a brother, Captain Paul L. Doyle with the army overseas and two half sisters, Mrs. Azalia Brewer of Oakland and Mrs. Lillian Stewart of Sacramento.

## TRUCKEE AIRPORT GIVEN BOOST BY OIL COMPANIES

Truckee's proposed new air field, which has received the offiical approval of the CAA and been placed on the post-war construction budget to the tune of $198,000, came in for a full measure of consideration this week when two meetings were held by the aviation committee of the Truckee Chamber of Commerce with major oil comany officials.

Tuesday, H. Mortensen, general representative of the marketing department for the Standard Oil Co. met with the committee to offer any planning assistance possible and gave assurance of his company's intent to assist in making the field possible.

"The Skyways of Tomorrow"— a presentation of the vital importance of developing suitable airport facilities for the Truckee airport was made by Oscar W. Olsen, representative of the Shell Oil Company from Sacramento at a meeting of the aviation committee here yestreday.

With C. Edmunds, chamber manager presiding, Olsen outlined the unquestioned postwar growth of aviation, and the urgent need for immediate consideration of adequate airport facilities which will enable Truckee to keep pace with the tremendous increase in private and commercial flying which is already foreshadowed.

The oil company's representative presented an attractive brochure prepared in the interest of the local field which contained a number of practical and helpful suggestions on how to develop plans to the selection of suitable airport sites. Some of the material in the brochure was compiled by the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

## ROSE RESNICK WILL FEATURE RENO BILL

Miss Rose Resnick, blind concert pianist of San Francisco and Ilsa, her Seeing Eye dog, have a professional engagement to appear at the Club Fortune at Reno, beginning this evening, December 14th.

Miss Resick appeared before several of the local organizations as well as at Reno about a year ago when she was the guest here of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Leitch.

## Donner Park To Share In Post War Building

### $30,000 May Be Spent Here To Remodel Donner Structures

Joseph R. Knowland, editor of the Oakland Tribune and chairman of the California State Park Commission has written to Dr. C. W. Chapman at Grass Valley announcing the commission has included Donner Monument on its list for postwar work.

The project, the communication indicated will cost approximately $30,000 and will include removal of the old wooden structures and the erection of a contact station, warden and custodian quarters, service building, rest rooms and concession in a two story stone masonry building to be for all year service.

The structure is planned to conform closely with the monument.

Further plans to be undertaken by the State Park Commission as a postwar project, according to the letter includes the acquisation of certain pieces of ground near the monument, and better drainage of the area by grading.

Landscaping was also favored as well as improved water development.

The Truckee Chamber of Commerce directors recently voted down a proposal that all of Donner Lake be absorbed into the state park system because it might block possible future commercial developments.

## LAST RITES HELD FOR JACK NOONAN

Truckee Aerie 1124, Fraternal Order of Eagles conducted funeral rites for John A. Noonan Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock with W. M. Englehart, Sr., acting president, officiating

Mrs. John Brandlin gave a brief service and Mesdames George Kamp, Robert Bick and Brandlin sang, accompanied by Mrs. Kamp.

Pall bearers representing the Eagles were Charles Pierce, R. Joseph and Everett Parker and those representing the Knights of Pythias were A. B. Polyanich, W. M. Englehart, Jr., and Andrea Armati. Interment was in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

## VETERANS SPEAK AT ROTARY MEET

Chief Pharmacisit's Mate Maxwell McGwinn and Pfc. Charles Pierce both home on leave from the Pacific war theater, spoke before the meeting of the Truckee-Tahoe Rotary Club Monday night, relating a few of their experiences with the enemy R. A. Feathers was program chairman and T. T. Buell presided.

Visitng Rotarians included G. F Raddue of Grass Valley. Lt. (j.g.) Bud Walton was also a guest.

## ELVA JOHNSON IS HEAD OF REBEKAHS

Mrs. Elva Johnson was elected noble grand of Naomi Rebekah lodge No. 2 at the meeting held last night.

Other officers chosen were Mrs. Cora Maxsom, vice grand; Mrs. Lucille Bick, secretary and Mrs. Laura Smith, treasurer. Installation will be on January 10. On December 27, an initiation ceremony will be held.

## ACCUSED KNIFER IS HELD TO ANSWER

John B. Sturgill, 28, employed by a local construction company was held to answer to the superior court on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon when he appeared before Justice of the Peace C. E. Smith this week. He was accused of cutting William Felter, a fellow laborer, with a knife during a quarrel. Felter was sentenced to 30 days in jail for disturbing the peace. District Attorney Ward Sheldon conducted the prosecution.

In another drunk case, Matt Gordon, 54, was fined $10 for being drunk, Jose Ramirez, 49, and Jose Martinez were each sentenced to 25 days in jail for indecent actions and being drunk on the street.

**Officers Here—**

Inspector H. E. Blackwell of Sacramento and Captain George Peterkin of Roseville, officials of the state highway patrol, were visitors here yesterday.

**Attend Meeting—**

Bert Blunt and Glenn Robinson of the Shell Oil Company at Reno, were in attendance at the aviation meeting here yesterday.

## .: Sun :. Beams

by WALTER M. BARRETT

When you read articles and hear discussions relative to the proposes air port for Truckee, don't presume that the building of the port is a reality or a certainty by any means. As a matter of fact it is no more than a tentative plan and to bring it about will require hard work and diligent planning. True, the site has been approved by the CAA, but so have thousands of others throughout the country and a proposed sum has been requested by the CAA to partly finance the construction of the field. But, those facts will not build an airfield. Like so many other similar projects which have been born and allowed to die in the making, this plan may well work out the same way. On the other hand, if we want the field, boost for it, work for it and keep plugging and planning, it can well become one of our biggest assets. It's up to Truckee.

It looks very much like Truckee this time will exceed its quota in the War Loan Drive. The goal has been slashed as compared with the five other drives, in which Truckee made valiant efforts, but just failed to reach the goal. This time, it is nearer our size and through the fine work of the committee and the committee from the Pythian Sisters Lodge we need only 25 per cent more to go over the top. We can do that in one day if we all purchase that EXTRA war bond. Remember it is still the best investment in the whole world.

For completing your Christmas shopping, visit your local merchants. Despite heavy early buying, they still have a representative selection of gift goods and will welcome your patronage.

## TAX COLLECTIONS REPORTED HEAVY

The totals reported by Elma Hecker, county tax collector were $161,018.17 for November and $124,903.28 for December bringing the total collections in the past two weeks to $285,921.45.

## SNOWBALLS CAUSE WRECK OF CARS

Two small boys throwing snowballs at cars on the highway near the McIver ranch last week caused a wreck which seriously damaged two army trucks. The trucks were in convoy and when snow hit the windshield, the driver in front stopped suddenly, unable to see, and the following car, also blinded by the thrown snow, ran into the back of the first car.

Neither driver was injured. Sergeant H. B. Fowler made the invetigation.

## CAR OWNERS MAY SEND LICENSE FEES

Motor vehicle owners of this area may save precious gas and tires by mailing applications for 1945 registration renewal to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Director Gordon H. Garland announced today mail applications accompanied by the correct fee and proper papers will be accepted beginning December 15 but made a special request that no currency be sent in payment of fees.

Renewal fees and the 1944 registration card should be mailed by local vehicle owners to the department of motor vehicles, 12th and N Streets, Sacramento.

Over the counter applications will be received at the Truckee office of the California Highway Patrol and plates will be issued there on and after January 2.

**Returns—**

Miss Margaret McGwinn who has been working at Auburn for a few weeks has returned to Truckee.

**Home from Vacation—**

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Leitch have returned following a vacation spent in the bay district.

**To Los Angeles—**

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sheehan and children are expected home from a trip to Los Angeles Sunday.

**At Livermore—**

Mrs. J. H. Bernard and Mrs. Dan Smith are visiting at Livermore.

Gripmen on San ranicso's cable cars never fail to call out "Hang on for the curve!" when the car approaches a 90 degre turn.

## Search Started For Man Lost On Cold Stream

### Local Dishwasher Believed Dead After Fall Into Icy Water

Constable N. F. Dolley today is heading a searching party engaged in scouring the woods and hills in the vicinity just north and east of Andover for the body of R. C. (Blackie) Rourke, 53, who has been missing since midnight Tuesday.

Rourke, who was employed here for the past four months as a dishwasher in local cafes, and a friend, whose name was not immediately learned by the officers, started to walk to Andover where they were working after spending the evening in Truckee.

Nearing their destination, the two started to take a cut-off over Cold Stream and both fell in. Rourke's friend crawled out of the icy water and made his way to Emigrant Trail Camp where he telephoned for aid Rourke, he said, did not come out of the stream and in the darkness he could not be found.

Because of the extremely cold weather, it is doubtful if Rourke could have survived the night even though he escaped from the stream. Both men had been drinking, Dolley said.

The searching party left here this morning at 11 o'clock fo the area.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT PLAN IS AIRED IN TRUCKEE MEETING

A group of Nevada City officials and businessmen made a good-will visit to Truckee Monday and met with directors of the chamber of commerce relative to a proposal to have a portion of the Washington School District near Nevada City, taken into the Nevada City School District. Action of the board of supervisors will be required to have the transfer made and it was the desire of the committee to acquaint local interests with the proposition for future reference.

Accroding to the spokesmen for the group, there is now something like $2,000,000 in assessed valuation property which is not paying to the school district in comparison to the balance of the districts. If this can be put into the Nevada City district, they pointed out, it will provide an additional revenue without loss to the Washington area.

Other matters of mutual interest were discussed by the joint committees.

V. C. Shattuck, president of the local chamber of commerce arranged the meeting. Attending were William Wright, Fred Caughlin, Al Bates H. J. Kjorlie, George Calanhan and William Tamblin all of Nevada City; Shattuck, C. Edmunds, Frank W. Galennie, C. B. White, H. G. Loehr and Walter M. Barrett.

## J. O. JONES LEFT ESTATE OF $51,902

Chris R. Jones, state inheritance tax officer, in an appraisment filed in the superior court at Sacramento disclosed that J. Oscar Jones, late owner of the Soda Springs Hotel, left an estate valued at $51,902.51. Bertha B. Jones is named as the executrix of the estate.

Jones built and operated the popular Donner Summit hotel for several years prior to his death last year.

## WILSON'S STORE AT RENO IS BURNED

Local friends of Prof. N. E. Wilson of Reno were sorry to learn that his drug store in the Masonic Building on South Virginia Street was burned last Friday night. Cause of the fire was not learned. Prof. Wilson is well known here where he often has appeared as guest speaker.

**Whooping Cough Reported—**

A number of cases of whooping cough have been reported in Truckee, but the schools have remained open.

**At Tahoe Vista—**

Mrs. V. O. Peterson and children returned to Tahoe Vista following three years at Benicia where both Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were engaged in war work. Peterson will remain at Benicia for the time being.

**With Friends—**

Miss Betty Pearson, fromer resident here, came from Sacramento early this week to visit with friends.



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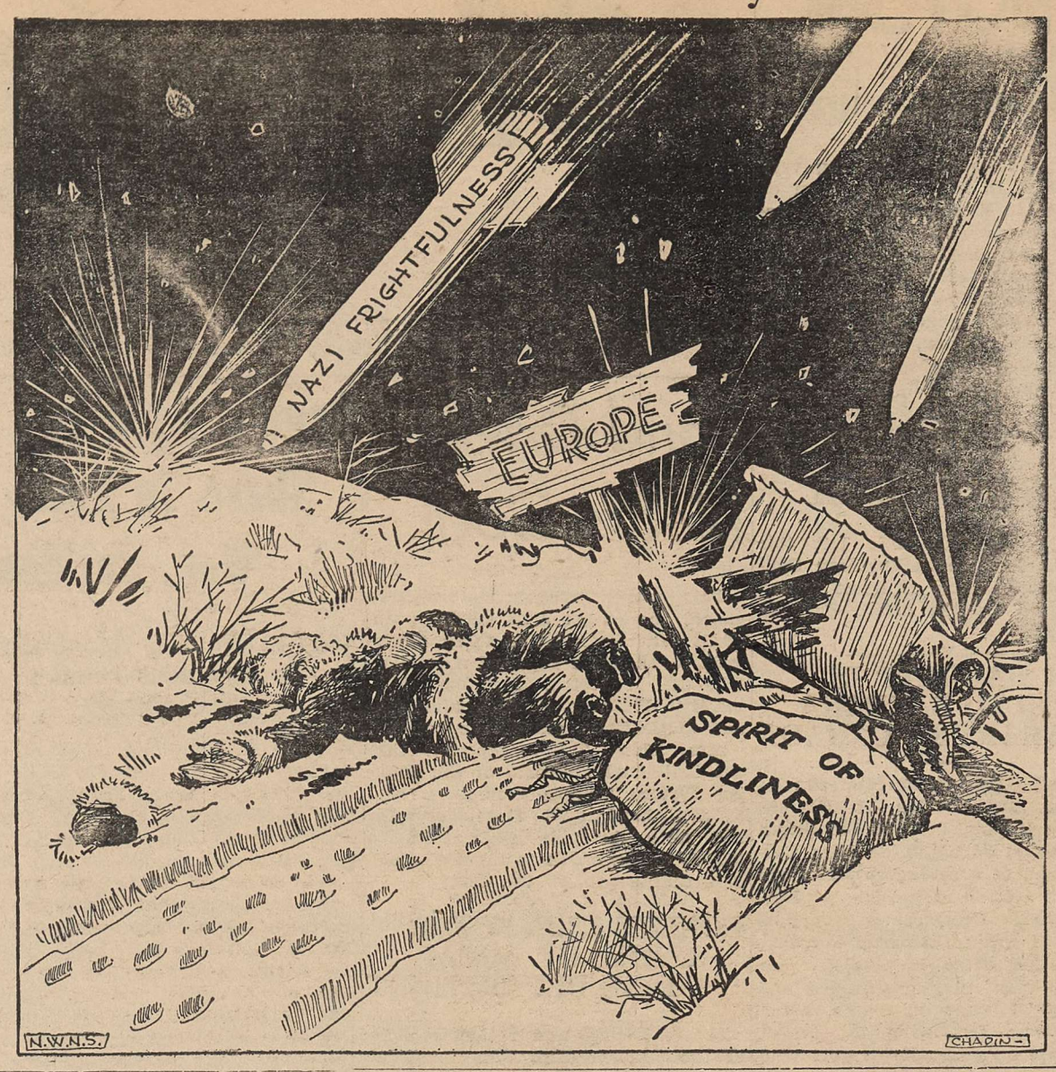



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## Another War Casualty




## THE WAY IS CLEAR

Within the short space of two weeks, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower made two pleas, one on Thanksgiving day and one the week before, to urge us to step up production. Already, he said, we are using supplies labeled for February and March, and, because supplies can now be sent directly to the front, they are needed in ever-increasing quantities.

In the time following June 6th, D-day, our armies pushed so furiously and speedily towards the German frontier, they could not stop to insure the capture of the great ports of northern France from Le Havre to Brest. As a result, the farther they advanced, the less pressure they could bring against the Germans. By the time they reached Antwerp and the Siegfried line, they lacked the ammunition and fuel to fight on and finish the war.

Only now that France and Belgium are liberated do we really have bases for invasion. We can transport to the continent all that we can produce and more. No longer do our goods lay over in United States supply depots. Vital supplies move directly from factories here to the battlefields. The way is now clear to the front.

## TEXTBOOK SHORTAGE

A serious shortage of textbooks—which may come as good news to some school children but is of serious concern to their parents—is expected unless the book publishers are allotted a larger quota of paper.

We imagine, although the paper shortage has not been eased any, that the War Production board will take action to supply the paper needed to correct this situation.

When we look over the type of reading which still is available on news stands there seems little reason to worry where the paper can come from to publish school books. We realize that the WPB would be put in the position of favoring one type of business over another if it took our recommendations —so we won't make specific suggestions at the present time.

But in case a real emergency does arise, we might mention the fact that the average news stand now carries 50 or more so-called comic magazines. Is it too much to hope that children might be asked to sacrifice a few of these in order to have the history and arithmetic books they need to continue their education?

### DIVIDENT DECLARED BY TELEPHONE COMPANY ON PEARL HARBOR DAY

Following the meeting of the board of directors of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company this week, N. R . Powley, president, made the following statement:

"The directors on December 7, 1944 declared a dividend of $1.50 per share on the preferred stock payable January 15 to shareholders of record December 30 and a dividend of $1.75 per share on the common stock payable December 30 to shareholders of record December 18. The dividend declared on common stock for the year amounts to $6.25 per share and is no betterment of the amount per share declared for the year 1943.

"Although the volume of business is at a record high, expenses have continued to rise throughout the year and they have been predominantly affected by heavy taxes and large increased wage costs—wage increases aggregating $7,000,000 annually having been placed in effect with the payments, as ordered by the National War Labor Board, made retroactively to September 1943. A prelimnary Earnings Report for the year (December estimated) will be issued when dividend checks are released at the end of the month."

### MOTORISTS ARE ASKED TO RENEW LICENSES NOW

Motorists of this area with drivers licenses expiring in January and February, 1945, today are urged by the Department of Motor Vehicles to renew them now in order to avoid delays during the annual registration renewal season beginning January 2

The law authorized such renewals 90 days in advance of expiration dates. There is no charge for the renewals and they may be made at the local California Hihgway Patrol office Monday and Thursday afternoons.

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### BONDED DEBT IN COUNTY IS $494,128

Bonded debt of the county and other local governments in Nevada County totalled $484,128 at June 30 1943,, an average of $28.48 per person, California Taxpayers' association said today, making public its study of the latest data available on the combined debt of local governments in California counties.

Total bonded debt in the county was made up of $36,000 for the cities in the county, $387,750 for the school districts and $60,378 for the special districts. The last figure may be incomplete, many special districts not reporting to any central agency.

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The only Catholic school for Chinese in the United States is that of old St. Mary's in San Francisco.


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DECEMBER



16—Announce Norway has lowest infant death rate, 1942.



17—Plymouth colony establishes trial by jury, 1623.



18—British announce rehabilitation plan for West Indies, 1942.



19—John Alden makes truce with Indians in King William's war, 1690.



20—Operate first successful cotton mill in Rhode Island, 1791.



21—Swedish West India Co. settles on Delaware river 1624.



22—Colonial descendants organize Mayflower society, 1894.



23—England banishes notorious offenders to Virginia, 1617. WNU Service

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Leroy Wilson, Adjutant

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TRUCKEE AERIE NO. 1124 FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES
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C. E. SMITH, Secretary.

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Meets Every Third Thursday in Masonic Hall.
ELDEN TONINI, W. M.
G. E. HOFMANN, Sect.

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Meets 2nd and 4th Friday in Odd Fellows Hall.
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# LAKE TAHOE NEWS

By SWANEE Telephone Tahoe City 66J

## Tahoe Briefs

Christmas tree cutting has been discontinued in the Tahoe City area, with Ben Callender and Joe White leaving for the bay region with over a thousand fine silver tips. A. M. Anderson, Bud Jones and Jack Starratt cut around 500 silver tips in the Blackwood canyon district.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sholand and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peterson of Lakeview Drive have moved to Spark for the winters.

At the last meeting of the Lake Tahoe Ski Club members voted to re elect the officers of last year who are president, Allan Pollitt; secretary Buelah Carnell and treasurer, Mrs. E. Atherton. Plans were formulated to put the ski hill in shape for the winter.

Robert Fox, son of Otto Fox of Auburn and Tahoe, is a medical technician attached to an army hospital in the European theater of the war.

Ensign and Mrs. Merle Brusso are having a ski vacation at the family home at Tahoe Pines.

Pfc. Carlo Vanni of Tahoe is with an engineer G.S. regiment overseas with a New York APO address.

Sgt. Billie Bechdolt's last address is an APO New York. His Tahoe friends are hoping he will be able to use his fine sking technique and ability in his foreign service.

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Five per cent of all persons who recover from typhoid become carriers

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Buddhism spread to China the second century BC.

### TAHOE WEATHER

TAHOE CITY, Dec. 14.— The level of Lake Tahoe on Monday, December 11, stood at 6225.94 with 234 CSF of water leaving the gates at the Truckee river.

No precipitation was recorded during the week.

The highest temeprature was 43 degrees on December 5 and the lowest was 18 on the 4th.

The snow measurement at lake level was nine inches, according to W. A. Simmonds, weather observer.

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An estimaetd 31 million wild ducks entered California in 1843.

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## Raymond Specht Reported Missing

TAHOE CITY, Dec. 14.— Tahoe friends were saddened to hear from Mr. A. R. Specht of San Francisco and Tahoma, that his son, Raymond, was reported missing over Germany on November 19.

Raymond spent his summers at Tahoe for many years past and was a frequent visitor in the winter with his parents, coming up to ski with Tahoe Ski Club members on the Tahoe hill and grounds.

Friends are praying that he may have landed safely and will be heard from.

Raymond was a private first class and enlisted in the army at the age of 17, and attended Washington and Jefferson College in Pennsylvania as a student in Army Specialists' Training Program. His father, who lives in San Francisco is a vice president of the Owl Drug Company.

Sympathy of their many Tahoe friends is extended to the family.

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## Tahoe Schools

Classes at the Tahoe Lake elementary school will end December 15th and the spring term will begin in March or early April.

Students are practising for their school play which will be presented in the auditorium Saturday, December 16 at 8 p.m., if the weather permits.

Oto Fox, music instructor, drove up from Auburn last Saturday for the student orchestra pcactice.

The bond drive at the Tahoe branch of the Placer Union High school so far has averaged $400 per pupil. A total of $5,500 worth of War Bonds had been sold by the students up to Monday.

Classes at the high school will end on Friday December 22 and will be resumed next June.

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The University of California is planning 27 million dollars worth of postwar improvements and expansion.

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In the Panama Canal Zone it is a common saying that each tie of the trans-isthmian railway represents the life of a Chinese coolie who helped build it.

### TAHOE SKI CLUB PLANS FOR MEETS THIS WINTER

TAHOE CITY, Dec. 14.— Lake Tahoe Ski Club members have not as yet concluded their schedule of meetings for the winter, but it is hoped that regular meetings and programs of ski meets for the hill and grounds can be announced shortly. Joe and Marie Henry said ideal skiing conditions exist back in the Page Meadows district where they went on a long ski tour recently.

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## House and Home

By MARY E. DAGUE

MOTHERS and fathers throughout America are repeating the age-old Christmas prayer of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." The deep significance of the words give us strength to marshal our forces and carry on with faith and courage in our Christmas preparations.

Christmas foods and customs are so steeped in tradition that we cling to them instinctively.

The Christmas pudding, according to tradition, held a magic spell for all who tasted it. While it was regarded as unlucky to eat it before Christmas day, each pudding that was sampled after Christmas would bring good fortune for a month. So if you could partake of 12 different puddings, your luck for the year would be assured. A wish made while eating the first spoonful was believed "sure to come true" during the following year. The omission of this pudding from the Christmas feast was considered an ill omen. Consequently plum pudding holds first place among desserts for the Christmas dinner.

The Christmas cakes of long ago were known as Yule Doughs or Dows and were made of white flour of slightly finer quality than usual with the addition of sugar and currants. These materials were decided luxuries and used only on special occasions. The cakes were made in the shape of little images of the Madonna and the Christ Child or were round with a crude representation of the Nativity stamped on them. Our Christmas cookies are direct descendants of the Yule Doughs. Our fruit cakes, too, trace back to the early Christmas cakes.

A piece of the Christmas loaf or cake was kept for a year as it was supposed never to become sour or moldy and to be a cure for various ailments and to ward off diverse ills. These virtues were supposed to be efficacious until the next Yuletide specialty was made.

Bread left on the table after the Christmas meal is finished, foretells of plentiness in the household for the next twelve months.

Apples eaten at midnight on Christmas eve insure health and happiness for the coming year. The apples in mince pie also are symbolic of health.

Mince pie itself has a background rich with superstition. The first mince pies were served at Saxon feasts in pre-Norman days and smacked of paganism. Pieces of baby pork and bits of the flesh of the wild boar slain in honor of the sun god were baked in a pastry. In the Middle ages the shred pies of mutton replaced the pork pies. Christian emblems took the place of some of the pagan relics and the crust was shaped like a manger in commemoration of the Christ Child.

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The elk ranges only a daily average of one-half mile.

## Restoration

IN Whittier's poem, "Our Master," are the beautiful lines:

The healing of the seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch him in life's throng and press,
And we are whole again.

During the busy Christmas shopping season the power of the Christ was made manifest in making "whole again" the thought of a tired shopper who had become wearied and vexed with the jostlings of the throngs in the stores and on the streets. As she entered a crowded elevator she heard a child tearfully complain, "Oh, Grandma, I'm so tired." The grandmother smiled, and in a voice that matched the smile she called attention to the pleasure in wrapping beautifully the Christmas packages, and the happiness each gift would bring; and she continued, "As we think beauty and love and joy, we keep out tired thoughts." Everyone listened and the entire mental atmosphere changed. Smiles replaced tired lines; a sparkle came into eyes that had evidenced worry and discomfort. What had brought about the change? Thought had been lifted to something better than the contemplation of discord. . . .

Lifting thought to something better than a material sense of things is a step in the right direction; but it is not all that is required. There must come a recognition of God's power and presence, and of His laws, governing His creation harmoniously. Mary Baker Eddy writes in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," "Faith should enlarge its borders and strengthen its base by resting upon Spirit instead of matter." What we cherish in thought determines what we experience in body and environment. As consciousness is filled with spiritual facts—God's thoughts—their opposites, sick, sinful, fearful beliefs, find no entrance into our mental homes; or if, perchance, erroneous beliefs claim to be latent in consciousness, these are ejected in like manner. Thus, one comes into his heritage of spiritual dominion.

When thought is calm, joyous, and grateful in the contemplation of God's loving care, it is impossible to feel the press of the throng—the hurry, worry, and vexation of mortal mind arguments. Wherever he may be, in the quiet of his home, in the office, in the schoolroom, or on the crowded streets, he who understands the omnipresence and omnipotence of God's law of harmony reflects such joyous dominion that the troubled waves of mortal mind are stilled. This spiritual activity must be constant, not only in the hours of so-called stress and strain, but in the days of quiet and peace, when the temptation to become apathetic and mentally idle may be present. At all times, we need to see to it that the spiritual weapons of our defense against errors of every sort do not become dull from lack of use. The warfare against the flesh, the proving of man's spiritual oneness with the might and majesty of omnipotence, cannot cease until victory is complete and man's God-given freedom is established.—*The Christian Science Monitor.*

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## This Christmas the war trains will roll —as usual

Out on the line, December 25 will be as busy as any other day on the Southern Pacific. It won't be much of a holiday for our men at the front, either. The enemy doesn't stop shooting just because it's Christmas.

This Christmas Day and night we shall keep the war trains rolling, just as we have kept them rolling every day and night since Pearl Harbor.

To all the travelers and shippers we served this year—our heartfelt thanks for your sympathetic understanding of our problems, and the cheerful way you accepted the inconvenience of wartime transportation.

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# TAHOE LETTER

## To the Service Men

From SWANEE

Paicines, Calif.

December 8, 1944

Dear Tahoeites:

This Friday finds me far from fair Tahoe's shores, on a beautiful 9,000 acre ranch in San Benito county Known as the A-1 Ranch, it is owned by Robert Law, whose mother until recently, also owned a lovely summer home on Tahoe at Zephyr Cove on the Nevada side.

Today we drove for miles looking for hollyberries, and heavenly it did seem to be spinning along the sunny roads with rolling hills on either side green with new grass and dotted with spreading oak trees. Every where grazed white faced cattle fat and sleek. This ranch boasts 600 head of beef cattle with six milk cows and chickens, pigs, horses and rabbits among the domestic animals. Excellent hunting abounds in all directions with plenty of deer, pheasant ducks and quail in season. The main mansion has more than 20 rooms and is occupied by the elder Mrs. Law. Beautiful terraced lawns and gardens surround it. Not far distant a smaller home, newly remodeled and redecorated, is occupied by the Bob Laws.

Ever since I arrived last Monday I have been conscious of a gradual increase in my waistline—a luxury I can ill afford—as we revel in thick cream for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and tonght's dinner was topped off with lemon chiffon pie, piled high with said whipped cream! I see right now where I'll have to hang up the diet list as soon as I get home again. Everybody drooling?

Called Tahoe today and talked to friend husband who said the lake was also enjoying sunny days. Hope the weather man waits until I get home before turning on the blizzards again. When I left Tahoe early last Friday a snow storm was in progress and I was sure feeling discouraged as the third bus drew up at Truckee and no seat was available. However, the driver permitted me to stand and gave we a cloth with instructions to wipe his big front windows. From there on over the summit and well past Blue Canyon, the snowfall was extremely heavy and I was kept plenty busy. When the snow suddenly stopped we ran into rain that poured down in sheets. At Auburn we were one hour and 20 minutes late, but arrived finally at Sacramento only 20 minutes behind schedule. I stood all the way to Sacramento and after changing buses I sank gratefully into a seat, but thankful that I was allowed to ride at all. That trip dispelled one erroneous idea I have long held and that is that bus travel is dangerous in bad weather. Our dirver was the very best, very careful and an excellent operator. We made very good time and no time did I feel the least timidity, despite hazardous road conditions.

Tomorrow we plan to take pictures of my three grandchildren on horseback. Chief Wrangler Art Kincaid inviting the youngsters over for a turn around the corrals. His wife Elizabeth, has proven a most hospitable neighbor, having us all in for afternoon coffee and cakes almost every day since we arrived. The ranch hands and their families live in comfortable houses along eucalyptus row, seven houses available in all.

Daughter Marie and little son Billie of Richmond accompanied me down to Paicines, and the three of us plan to leave here again Monday or Tuesday. After looki g up a few old friends such as Mrs. Lee Druhn and our Tahoe neighbors Commander and Mrs. George Mawdsley, all of San Franicsco, and a fouth visit to the Red Cross Blood Bank, I will be ready to set my sails again for home.

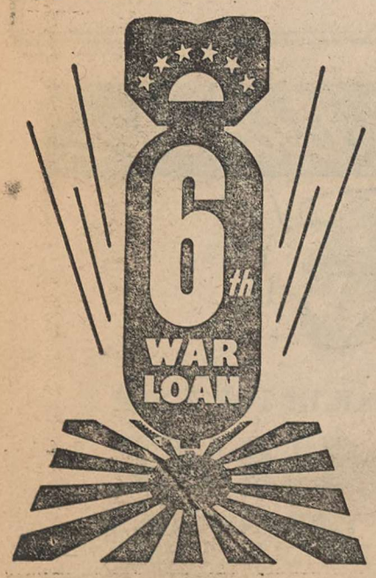
Have no service news this week of any kind, but hope to catch up as I am not having my mail forwarded. Daughter, Jacquelyn and family hate to see us depart but we are lucky to all get together once a year during these difficult times.

Hope this finds you all on top of the world with good health, good cheer and good luck your constant companions. May God bless you all.

As ever,
SWANEE

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There were 7,500,000 more women employed in the United States in 1944 than in 1940.




# Capitol Week

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SACRAMENTO, Dec. 14.— (UP)— California's budget for the two years beginning next July 1 will be the largest in history, Governor Earl Warren says regretfully, in spite of some vigorous blue pencil work.

Warren is going over the budget requests of state agencies these days but, a s he says, even if not one more dollar is allowed for any expense which can be controlled, the budget still will be bigger than any previous one.

The governor points out that new fixed expenses make it impossible to keep the budget down to its former size, even without counting on the inevitable increase i nstate spending because of California's population growth.

Speaking only of items that occur to him on the spur of the moment the governor lists these:

$64,000,000 for the $10 increase in old age pensions, and for the state assumption of half the former county share of aged assistance.

$30,000,000 in additional payments to school districts as a result of adoption by the people of Proposition No. 9 at the last election.

$14,000,000 to continue the emergency salary increase to state employes.

The budget as submitted to the legislature in 1943 called for expenditures of $464,000,000 but additional appropriations by the legislature have brought the total spending for the present two years up to about $576,000,000.

The 1939 total was about $580,000,000 while the 1943 amount dropped to under $550,000,000.

Waren may appoint a successor to Associate Jusitce Jesse W. Curtis of the supreme court this week, but he says he may take longer to make up his mind about a successor to Congressman-elect Franck Havenner on the state railroad commission.

The governor disclosed he had intended to offer the railroad commission position to Walter Cooper, the late city manager of San Diego But, he said, he read of Cooper's death in an airplane crash in Los Angeles in the same newspaper that told of the confirmation of Havenner's election to congress.

Homer W. Buckley, who has held positions in the Warren administration almost from the start, retired last week to private law practice. His job at the time was chairman of the employment stabilization commission and he previously had been state director of civilian protection.

A former assistant city attorney in Oakland, he was released from the navy to take the defense position

Into the employment commission vacancy went Toland C. McGettigan young former district attorney of Sonoma County. McGettigan, incidentally, is a democrat.

It was revealed last week that the state finance department expects some relaxation in gasoline restrictions during the next two years.

The division of highways submitted an estimate of $56,500,000 as the amount is would get from the gasoline tax for state highway purposes in the two years beginning next July 1—about the same as during the present biennium.

But, the finance department estimated at least $7,000,000 more would be available, with civilian driving increasing by about five per cent during the first year of the biennium and six per cent during the second year.

Deer hunters as well as deer should receive protection Assemblyman Lloyd Lowrey of Yolo county believes. He anounced he would introduce a bill at the coming legislature session making mandatory filing of manslaughter charges against persons who handle firearms carelessly with results fatal to other hunters or persons.

## OPEN SEASON




By Fred G. Reinert—*Cleveland Plain Dealer*

**SERVICES ARE HELD FOR FORMER TAHOE DOCTOR**

TAHOE CITY, Dec. 14.— Private funeral services were held in San Francisco this week for Dr. George C. Hensel, who had a summer home near the Dollar Estate at Lake Tahoe and who died at his home in San Francisco.

Dr. Hensel was considered one of he nation's leading surgeons in the treatment of children's bone diseases. He was affillated with the University of California Hospital, the Shrine Hospital and was chief surgeon at the Carrie Tingley Hospital for crippled children.

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# POLITICAL PARADE - - -

By CLEM WHITAKER

A well-organized pressure group, sure of what it wants, and determined to get it, can do a more effective job of politics in the United States than the regularly-constituted party organizations of either the Republicans of Democrats.

The CIO Political Action Committee demonstrated that at the recent election, regardless of whether you like or dislike its methods, or approve or disapprove of its objectives.

The feat was not a surprising or stupenduos as it might seem, however, for the truth of the matter is that both the Republicans and Democrat party organizations have bestowed "honors" more than they have enlisted or trained workers in recent years, and have consequently become political armies of many generals and few privates.

The newly born PAC run by heavy handed Sidney Hillman, while it was guilty of some colosal political blunders, and perhaps a few law violations, was an army with one general and 5,850,000 privates—and the privates took and followed orders, with the result that they reached a lot of voters.

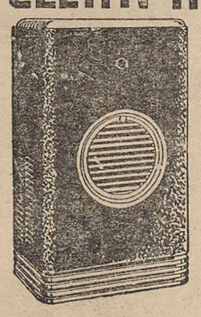
The party regulars (in the Democratic Party as well as the Republican) campaigned in what has become to be accepted as the traditional manner, making fervid speeches and issuing mimeographed handouts to the press, but when it came to ringing doorbells and reaching individual voters they were woefully inefficient, as they have been for some years past.

The PAC, on the other hand, while it fumbled and stumbled in its public utterances, actually built an organization which called on the voters almost as regularly as the postman sold them a bill of goods—and then got them to the polls.

It was boasted at the recent CIO convention that President Roosevelt, without the PAC aid, would have been defeated—and there are few in practical politics who will deny the truth of that statement. For the New Deal organization, long in power and split by many jealousies and factional disputes, lacks its old time punch. And while the Republican organization, under Governor Dewey's leadership, was more skillfully managed than in years past, it was still critically lacking in effective personnel to carry the message to the voters.

The PAC, however, may have won its first and last big fight in national politics, for it has too many axes to grind to continue long in public favor. But its performance in the recent campaign may nonetheless serve a good purpose; it may convince the old-line party chieftains that their organizations are badly over-burdened with gold braid and sadly short of crusading, fighting members, who have convictions and the ability to sell them.

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Labor leaders are more disturbed than they care to admit, at least publicly, over the count of the servicemen's absentee ballots which revealed that the GI's voted 2 to 1 in favor of the "right to work" bill on California's November ballot. While the drastic union curb was decisively beaten by civilian voters, the soldier vote was clear-cut evidence of the resentment which home front war plant strikes have stirred up on the fighting fronts. And labor bosses recognize that they have a post-war public relations problem confronting them of serious proportions.

U. S. Senator Hiram Johnson's early announcement that he will be a candidate for reelection in 1946, our spy advises, was made to spike rumors started by aspirants for the office that Johnson's health would not permit him to run again!

While Mr. and Mrs. Public may welcome Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan's revolutionary plan to abolish the voting booth and substitute a vote-by-mail system, don't be surprised if it runs into heavy opposition from business interests at the January legislative session. The voting machine companies, which had mapped a new sales campaign in the state's larger cities after the war, are planning to send a formidable lobby to Sacramento.

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### ODT ASKS THAT TRAVEL BE MINUMIZED CHRISTMAS

Don ont travel over the holidays is the plea made to local civilians so than many thousands of service people being furloughed home for Christmas may receive transportation. According to the Office of Defense Transportation, reail travel in 1944 was 14 per cent greater than during the record breaking travel year of 1943 and on inter-city buses the situation was much the same.

ODT declares than on most trains more than 75 per cent of the passengers are in uniform; the rest are made up largely of essential civilians.

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### CHRISTMAS TREES EXEMPT FROM OPA PRICE CONTROL

Why doesn't OPA set a ceiling price on Christmas trees?

This qeustion is being asked at local OPA boards by many persons who think prices being asked by the sidewalk tree salesman are exorbitant.

According to C. Edmunds, chairman of the Price Panel of the OPA here, Christmas trees are exempt from price control and therefore the OPA cannot curb the price.

"This is one instance where citizens will have to use self-control instead of relying on price control to be assured a fair price," Edmunds said "Last season's experience, when thousands of trees were destroyed for lack of purchasers, should demonstrate that the public will not pay much more than the traditional prices."

### POINT RTMINDERS

MEATS, FATS— Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through S5, good indefinitely. No new stamps until December 31.

PROCESSED FOODS—On Friday December 1, five new blue stamps were validated, under the present system of making new blue stamps good on the first of every month. They were blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5 A2 and B2.

SUGAR— Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32 33 and 34 each good for five pounds indefinitely. Stamp No. 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar thru Februery 28, 1945.

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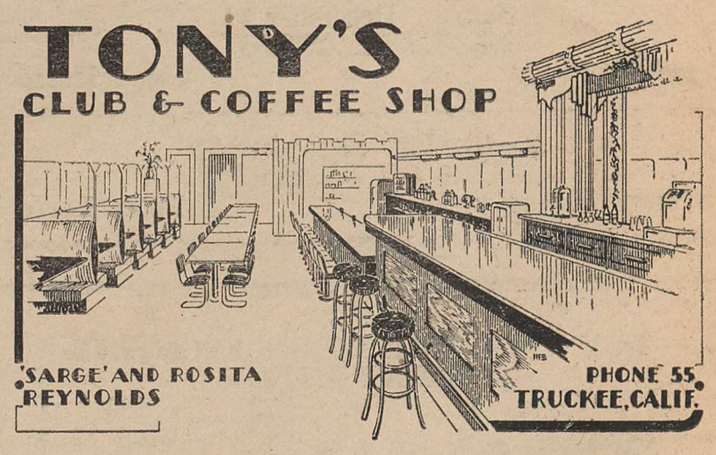
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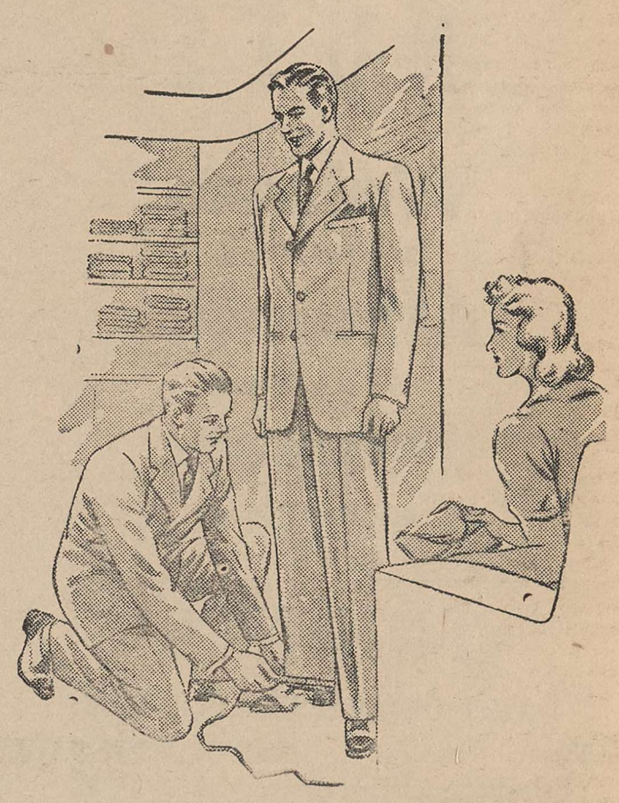
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# Ski Hill

By Sierra Sue

To ski get your head in the clouds my friends, but keep your feet on the ground! This can be done at no better place than in the cold, clear air of the high Sierra—up 7,000 feet. Relax those frayed nerves that jump at the drop of a neighbor's shoe at night. It's off to Soda Springs and you'll find just the right amount of relaxation—both indoor and outdoors—depending, of course, on what kind of a skier you are, Scissor Bill or Snow Bunny or Cannonen.

A bus will deposit you at the doorsteps of any of the ski lodges on the mountain, or a train, if you prefer, will drop you at the summit where a short hike will bring you to any of the resorts. It's really worth doing without your car in the city if it means you can use it on weekend trips to the mountains. Once you've been skiing you'll realize there is no thrill in any sport that can compare with the thrill of a downhill run on skiis.

Equipment is an expense to the novice, who may not be sure that he will enjoy the sport, but not need to buy equipment. You'll be able to rent them inexpensively at any of the ski lodges at Donner summit.

At the top of the mountain you'll find the ski room at Soda Springs managed by George Rudolph. Should you need some advise, to go with the skiis look up Instructor Johnny Johansen.

At Beacon Hill you'll find new managers—genial Hermann Wencke and his good-natured wife, Minna who will show you hospitality unsurpassed on the mountain and an assortment of equipment is available Hans Bernard, assistant manager, in charge of the skiis, will take you out for a few pointers.

Down the hill a pace or two at Donner Summit Lodge's Ski room you'll find Helmer Bergman waiting for you with a smile on his face and a pair of skiis in his hand. Upstairs, Mr. and Mrs. Art Couillard better know as Fran and Art, will welcome you warmly.

**At Gautsche Home—**

Staff Sergeant Theodore Gibson veteran on the Aleutian Islands for 29 months, was a weekend guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Gautsche. His home is at Los Angeles, but at present he is a patient at the DeWitt Hospital at Auburn.

Rodents constitute 65 per cent of the food of coyotes in Yellowstone National Park.

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San Francisco's marble and gold opera house has often been the impressive setting for city high school graduations.

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California has the largest motor vehicle registration of all the states.

At Kingvale, friendly Martin Johnson will rent you winter vacation cottages and equipment.

At John Flagg's Rainbow Tavern, you'll find a couple of good looking lads (ask for Ray or Rex) who will assist you in the ski room and on the rope tow.

All in all, you've been working hard time for a vacation. So why not have this year and perhaps haven't had a white Christmas instead of dreaming of one—on the Mountain.

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**BUY WAR BONDS**

# Church Notes

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." These words from John comprise the Golden Text to be used Sunday December 17, in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, branches of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. The subject of the Lesson-Sermon will be: "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomis Force?"

## Community Church

Mrs. Hazel Brandlin in Charge

10 a.m. Sunday School. Classes for all ages.

11 a.m. Morning worship. Message appropriate for the nearing Christmas season.

Choir practice Thursday evening.

Food sale Friday morning at 10 o'clock at Utility Office. Orders taken for aprons, towels, etc.

We would like to announce the outcome of the crusade at being $127 in cash receipts and pledges of war bonds. This drive will be continued and we will be glad to send any donations into headquarters.

The maangement of Hobart Mills this week cooperated with pastor and family oward the erection of a new chimney with the new oil heater and the second stove newly installed to make the church cozy and warm.

## Catholic Church

Rev. William Daly, Pastor

Mass at Truckee Church — 9:30 a.m.

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**Return—**

Mrs. J. Archie and Mrs. James McIver returned Saturday from a visit at San Francisco.


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Wednesday, December 21
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Sydney Greenstreet — Peter Lorre

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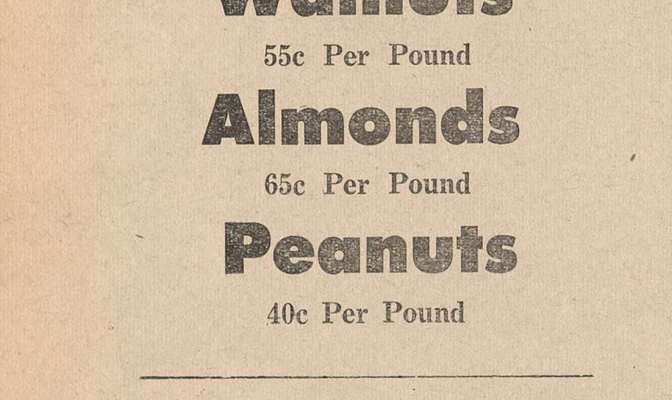
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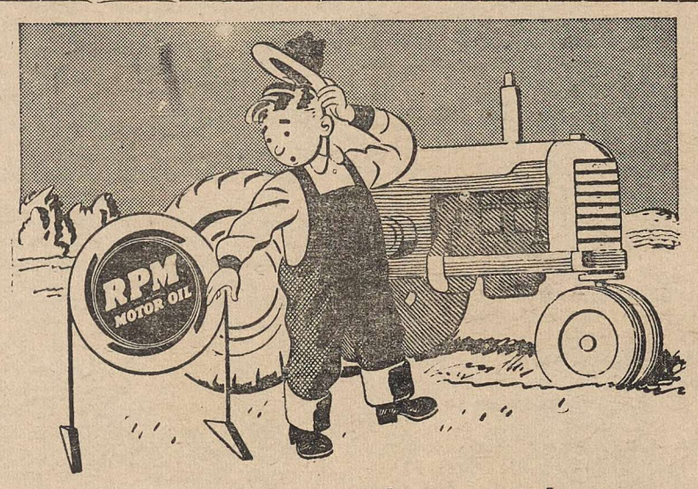
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